

29 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Verbal Report by AECASSOWARY/2 on DS-960

1. DS-960 was met at Penn Station by A/17 on the evening of 26 January per our plan. A/17 put DS-960 up at a small hotel near Penn Station on a weekly basis.

2. On Saturday, 27 January DS-960 was left to his own devices. He apparently spent the day sightseeing and getting to know the city.

3. On Sunday, 28 January A/2 introduced DS-960 to Valentin NOWITSKY and Evhen STACKHIV, two members of the Ukrainian emigration who A/2 thought would be useful contacts for DS-960. (A/2 had been instructed not to try to protect DS-960 from public view.) A/2 stayed with the group only long enough to make introductions and then left on other business. NOWITSKY later reported that he had told DS-960 to withhold his opinion on life in the U.S. for at least a year, by which time DS-960 would have had time to accumulate experience on the basis of which to formulate a more accurate opinion than he now has. NOWITSKY invited DS-960 for a social evening on Friday 2 February at his home together with A/2.

4. On Monday, 29 January A/17 accompanied DS-960 to the employment office to look for a job. DS-960 is preoccupied with this question at the moment and is postponing decisions on every other subjects, including permanent housing, until he knows where he will work. DS-960 will also make contact with IBM on the chance that the latter will be interested enough in Soviet automation to hire DS-960 regardless of his inadequate English.

5. A/2 discussed with DS-960 the question of learning English. He recommended a bookstore for the purchase of dictionaries. He described to DS-960 the possibilities of learning English in the evening at a New York public school or CCNY.

6. A/2 asked DS-960 whether he would be interested in writing for pay. DS-960 agreed but said he would write only if he had gotten a job and otherwise settled. A/2 also mentioned the necessity for DS-960 to make

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his presence in the United States generally known through a conference of some kind. DS-960 did not give a specific reply.

7. About his experiences in Washington, DS-960 said that he simply did not want to get involved in with what he considered espionage activities and therefore, had blocked at our inquiry into his background and friends. He had the impression that [] wasn't a member of the organization which was holding him, but rather a contact man for an emigre circle which worked for the U.S. Government. Personally he liked John but did not consider him to be a man with much influence (John had purposely set himself a part from other staffers in his relationship to DS-960.) DS-960 also mentioned Jamey and the latter's valid proposal to work on an individual basis with our organization. DS-960 apparently disclaimed any interest in this activity along with all other contact with this agency.

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